

SHIPPING.

Since our last *Year Book* was published, an enumeration has been made by order of Parliament of all the ships owned and registered in the Dominion. The result shews, perhaps as correctly as possible, the state of our shipping interests. For although the precise wording of the return, viz., "owned and registered," excludes a good many ships registered in the Provinces, but not owned here, (which formerly appeared upon our nominal roll,) and also not a few which are owned but not registered, still a ship which is not both owned and registered in Canada can hardly be said to be in the fullest sense Canadian. We deem it necessary to say this because the totals of the return are not so great as those we gave in our last *Year Books*, which, it may be remembered, contained the first careful statement ever made as to the shipping of the Dominion. The figures compare as follows:—

Year Book statement—6,165 vessels of 859,829 tons, worth *\$33,619,157.
Parliamentary return—5,822 " 776,343 " " 23,583,062.

The Parliamentary return shews the ships to be owned by the several Provinces in following proportions:—

	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage of do.	Value of do.	Men employed in do.	Average tonnage.	Men employed to ea. 100 tons.
Nova Scotia.....	53 p. ct.	45 p. ct.	43 p. ct.	52 p. ct.	114 tons.	5'5
New Brunswick.....	14 "	26 "	26 "	17 "	243 "	3'1
Quebec.....	25 "	20 "	20 "	23 "	108 "	5'5
Ontario.....	8 "	9 "	11 "	8 "	139 "	4'6
Totals.....	100 p. c.	100 p. ct.	100 p. ct.	100 "	133 tons.	4'8

The following are summaries of the tables referred to:—

RETURN of Vessels Owned and Registered in the Dominion of Canada, on 1st July, 1867.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Description of Vessel.	Total.		Occupation.								Value.	No. of Men employed
			Sea Going.		River or Lake.		Trading.		Fishing.			
			No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.		
Steamers, Paddle.....	41	8572			41	8572	41	8572			838700	525
Do. Screw.....	32	5433			32	5433	32	5433			396600	323
Barques.....	17	5384			17	5384	17	5384			197500	175
Brigantines.....	14	4752			14	4752	14	4752			140500	137
Schooners.....	252	31313	1	125	251	31188	251	31291	1	22	1069800	1488
Sloops.....	22	1033			22	1033	22	1033			12300	84
Barges.....	10	1121			10	1121	10	1121			13000	52
Scows.....	32	3594			32	3594	32	3594			44900	150
Not Rigged.....	61	6357			61	6357	61	6357			74500	258
Total.....	481	66959	1	125	480	66834	480	66937	1	22	2787800	3192

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Steamers, Paddle.....	22	3479	2	407	20	3072	22	3479			338900	212
Do. Screw.....	6	65			6	65	6	65			3800	43
Ships.....	90	97467	90	97467			90	97467			2928010	1967
Barques.....	97	44252	97	44252			97	44252			1350300	1218
Brigs.....	17	5333	17	5333			17	5333			159990	171
Brigantines.....	101	21979	101	21979			101	21979			574125	817
Schooners.....	369	20961	279	18941	90	2020	261	18344	108	2617	476850	1410
Sloops.....	3	48	2	20	1	28	2	20	1	18	600	9
Woodboats.....	121	7193			121	7193	121	7193			71930	360
Total.....	826	200777	588	188399	238	12378	717	198132	109	2645	5904505	6207

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Steamers, Paddle.....	11	1655	6	1417	5	238	11	1655			78070	110
Do. Screw.....	2	311	1	278	1	33	2	311			19120	21
Ships.....	49	44988	49	44988			49	44988			1229244	1006
Barques.....	261	117290	261	117290			261	117290			3620880	3352
Brigs.....	97	21668	97	21668			97	21668			616590	880
Brigantines.....	390	66019	390	66019			390	66019			2068229	3037
Schooners.....	2275	100952	2275	100952			668	50477	1607	50475	2623239	10877
Sloops.....	2	34	2	34			1	8	1	26	1440	5
Total.....	3087	352917	3081	352646	6	271	1479	302416	1608	50501	10256812	19288

*This statement of value is probably more exact than the Customs return.